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HOUSE BILL NO. 1637

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DOHRMAN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to college course work on the freedom of speech.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 173.1700, to read as follows:

173.1700. 1. Any student graduating after August 28, 2019, from a two-year or
2 four-year institution of higher education in this state shall be required to successfully
3 complete a three credit hour course on freedom of speech. Course work satisfying the
4 requirements of this section shall include study of the concept of freedom of speech as
5 embodied in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and in Article I,
6 Section 8 of the Missouri Constitution, and discussion of the concepts of freedom of inquiry
7 and the history of speech suppression in the United States and in other countries.
8 2. The department of higher education may promulgate all necessary rules and
9 regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that
10 term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this
11 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions
12 of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
13 nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
14 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
15 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
16 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.